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SUBJ : IV NOMINATION FOR MR. OLA ROTIMI

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1. IV GRANTEE OLA ROTIMI HAS ADVISED POST HE PREPARED TRAVEL
SECOND WEEK NOVEMBER. PART II NOMINATION FOLLOWS BELOW:

FULL NAME : MR. OLA ROTIMI

PRESENT POSITION: SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW IN DRAMATIC
LITERATURE, INSTITUTE OF AFRICAN STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF IFE, ILE IFE

PAST POSITIONS: FREE LANCE WRITER-PLAYWRIGHT

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 SEP 2013]; SAPELE, MIDWESTERN STATE

PRESENT CITIZENSHIP: NIGERIAN; NONE PREVIOUS

MARITAL STATUS : MARRIED, FOUR CHILDREN: 1 BOY 3 GIRLS
AGES: 9, 7, 6, 4

EMERGENCY NAME& ADDRESS: MRS. OLA ROTIMI
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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS: METHODIST BOYS HIGH SCHOOL, LAGOS;
BOSTON UNIVERSITY-B.F.A.: YALE UNIVERSITY,
M.F.A.

PUBLICATIONS: " TRADITIONAL NIGERIAN DRAMA", EVANS PUBLISHERS,
1971;

"THE GODS ARE NOT TO BLAME", OXFORD UNIVERSITY
PRESS, 1971;

"KURUNMI", OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1972;
"OVANRAMWEN NOGHAISI" OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1972;
"OUR HUSBAND HAS GONE MAD AGAIN"ETHIOPE PUBLISHING, 1975;
"THE DRAMA IN NIGERIAN CULTURE", NELSON, 1975

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO THE U.S.: 1959-1964 (BOSTON UNIVERSITY-
B.A.: YALE UNIVERSITY-M.A.

PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTRIES: WEST GERMANY 1973;
FRANCE, BRITAIN, 1974

KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH : EXCELLENT

KNOWLEDGE OF OTHER LANGUAGES: YORUBA, SOME FRENCH

CULTURAL INTERESTS: DRAMA, MUSIC, DANCE

PROFESSIONAL/BUSINESS INTERESTS: DRAMA AND CINEMATOGRAPHY
AVOCATIONAL INTERESTS& HOBBIES: SCRABBLE, SOCCER

PERSONAL CONTACTS:SUGGESTED VISITS:

1. DAVID DAVIDSON
(FORMER VISITING PROFESSOR OF TELEVISION
PLAYWRITING, YALE UNIVERSITY)
2. DR. BERNTH LINDFORS,
DIVISION OF COMPARATIVE LITERATURE,
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

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3. PROF. WILLIS WAGER
SCHOOL OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, BOSTON
UNIVERSITY, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
4. MR. OSSIE DAVIS
C/O NATIONAL BLACK NETWORK, NEW YORK
5. DR. MICHAEL OLATUNJI

875 WEST END AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y.

6. PROF. F. BORDE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
BINGHAMTON, N.Y. 13901

7. THEATER DEPT., STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.
(PERSONAL CONTACT: PROF. ARTHUR LESSAC)

8. KENNEDY CENTER, WASHINGTON, D.C.

9. DEPARTMENT OF THEATER ARTS
BOSTON UNIVERSITY
BOSTON, MASS.
(POSSIBLE CONTACT: PROF. JOHN WATTS)

10. ILE IFE BLACK HUMANITARIAN CENTER
PHILADELPHIA
(CONTACT: ARTHUR HALL)

11. DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS
DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY
(CONTACT: PROF. ERROL HILL)

12. AFRICAN STUDIES CENTER
UCLA
(CONTACT: PROF. JOHN POVEY)

13. DEPARTMENT OF THEATER ARTS
MOREHOUSE COLLEGE
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
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(CONTACT: PROF. SCOTT KENNEDY)

POST SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAM: IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, MR. ROTIMI
SHOULD SEE AMERICAN NEW THEATER ENSEMBLE (N.Y.)
AND RE-VISIT YALE DRAMA SCHOOL. HE SHOULD VISIT THEATER IN THE
ROUND OF DALLAS AND IN CALIFORNIA, IF POSSIBLE, HE SHOULD SEE A
SMALLER FILM COMPANY ON LOCATION. ROTIMI WILLING LECTURE ON
NIGERIAN DRAMA AND WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH LINKS WITH U.S.
GROUPS AND ILE-IFE DANCE GROUP (ARTHUR HALL.)

U.S. ARRIVAL DATE: GRANTEE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING
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